IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 5 at page 5 of the specification as follows:

At least a portion of the surface **331** of the third layer **330** that faces the first outer layer **310** has printing thereon, such as a biohazard warning. This can be effected by corona treating the surface **331**, and printing with a flood coating **332** of orange or red, and then printing with a plurality of spaced apart black biohazard warnings **333**. The ink used can be a conventional solvent based ink printed using a lithographic or flexographic technique. The printing is performed before laminating the layers together. Because the printing is on the protected surface **331** of the third layer **330**, it is protected from the contents of the envelope **100**. Thus samples such a liquids, i.e. blood, or semi-solids, such as fecal specimens, do not adversely affect the printing. The third layer is substantially light transmissive, and preferably substantially transparent so that the printing provided by the flood coating **332** and ~~**335** is~~ biohazard warning **333** are visible.

Please amend the last paragraph on page 5 of the specification as follows:

The laminate can contain additional layers. For example, with reference to Fig. 4, there is shown a laminate **301'** with an additional polymeric layer **340** between the outer layer **310** and the middle layer **320**. This layer ~~**310**~~ **340** can be about 0.5 mils thick. Also an additional layer or barrier (not shown) can be layered on top of the third layer **330** to form a pocket within the envelope to act as additional security against any potential leakage from an etiologic agent and/or biomedical material inserted into the device, as described in U.S. Patent No. 5,150,971.

Please amend the first paragraph on page 6 of the specification as follows:

Also, the biohazard printing need not be on the surface **331** of the third layer **330** facing the first layer **310**. Rather, as shown in Fig. 5, the printed warning of a laminate **301'** can be on the opposed surface ~~**332**~~ **330A** of the laminate, wherein the printing is protected by a protective layer **350** which is substantially light-transmissive, and preferably substantially transparent. In this version of the invention, this protective layer **350** need not encompass the entire inside of the device **100** but rather only needs to be over the printing. The protective layer can be about 0.5 mils thick. In this version of the invention, it is not necessary that the third layer **330** be light transmissive.

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A mailing device is ~~comprised~~ formed of a laminate of a printable outer layer and a

water-resistant inner layer having a printable surface facing the outer layer. There is printed indicia, such as a biohazard warning, on the printable surface. Accordingly, the inner layer protects the printing.